Successful Candidates in the School Final Examinations and the Public Service.

107. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of persons who have passed the Travancore School Final Examination during the last four years;

(*b*) the number of those among them who have entered the Travancore public service;

(*c*) the number of Brahmins, Nairs, Christians, Ezhavas and Mahomedans who have passed that examination during the last four years; and

(*d*) the number of those who have entered the Travancore public service from each of these communities?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) The Administration Reports of the State for the several years will show the number of pupils who passed the Travancore English School Leaving Certificate Examination held during those years. The results of the examination have also been published in the Government Gazette.

(*b*) to (*d*) The Government do not propose to collect these statistics.

Recommendations of the Salaries Committee.

108. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether all the recommendations of the Salaries Committee have been given effect to by the Government and, if not, whether they propose to give effect to any more in the near future; and

(*b*) whether there is any special reason for not amalgamating the Joint Stock and Co-operative Departments under one officer as recommended by the Salaries Committee?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) The recommendations of the Salaries Committee regarding the reorganisation of the several departments have been considered and orders issued except in regard to the two minor offices of the Inspector under the Glanders and Farcy Regulation and the Boiler Inspector.

(*b*) The Government have considered the question carefully and come to the conclusion that such amalgamation is undesirable at present.

Premature Publication of Official Information.

109. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that such of their decisions and orders as are sent to the Press Room are published in some newspapers long before they are sent there?

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to enquire as to how this takes place?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is usual with them to send copies of official papers intended for publication to some of the Madras dailies before they are published here?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Some items of information are found published in newspapers before they are sent to the Press Room.

(*b*) Government do not propose to do so at present.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: How does it happen that the Dewan's address to the Members of the Popular Assembly is published in the *Madras Mail* of the same date?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Copies of the address are sent to all papers in advance, local as well as outside papers.

Government Servants and the Press.

110. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the G. O.'s dated the 9th Makaram, 1063, and the 26th Meenam, 1066, regarding the position of Government officers as correspondents, etc., of newspapers, are still in force?

(*b*) If the above G. O.'s are still in force, have the Government exempted any public servants from the operation of the same, and, if so, will they be pleased to lay on the table a list showing the names of those persons?

(*c*) Have the Government given permission to any public servant to be a correspondent of, or to contribute articles to, any paper or papers? If so, will they be pleased to mention their names?

MR R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) The orders quoted do not require that the permission of Government should be obtained in such cases.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: If any officer employed in the Secretariat contributes to the papers, with whose permission does he do it?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: That is not a supplementary question.

PRESIDENT: It is already answered. No permission is required.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Is one of the clerks employed in the Secretariat a permanent correspondent to the *Madras Mail*?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government are not aware.

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